

SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM



Hundreds of Volunteers Needed for Community Medical Exercise November 9, 2011

On November 9th, 2011 hospital personnel and various first responder agencies from the Mid-South region will participate in a community medical exercise. This exercise will provide practical training experience to prepare for medical response during a large scale event. On <u>Wednesday November 9th</u>, hospital personnel will work with volunteer patients playing the role of injured victims to provide a realistic and practical experience in treatment and response.

Volunteers will be given specific instructions in their roles. Some volunteers will pretend to be seriously wounded, which may involve using "moulage," special makeup used to simulate lacerations or fractures. Others may be given a list of symptoms or basic vital signs to share with medical personnel.

There will be a specific staging location and transportation will be provided from the staging/moulaging location. In addition, food and refreshments will be served for the volunteers. Other logistic details will be communicated as they are finalized.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and preregistration is required. In order to participate in this drill you must be a member of the Medical Reserve Corp. Registration is available online at: https://thanvolunteer.health.state.tn.us. Once you are registered, you must contact Jennifer Price to be included volunteer for this exercise. Jennifer, Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Coordinator, can be reached at Jennifer.price@shelbycountytn.gov or 901-379-7156. Please feel free to contact her with any additional questions. *All registrations must be completed by November 1, 2011 (no exceptions)*.

Large groups welcome.

We appreciate your support.